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COUNTRY	Germany (Soviet Zone)			
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REMARKS	25X1			
Paragraphs 4 and 5 were previously reported				

[REDACTED] 25X1

1. On 12 March 1952, the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse in Brandenburg (N 53/K 23) was occupied by about 3,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. All quarters were lighted at nightfall. The adjacent school was also occupied by troops. Intensive training activity was noticed in the barracks yard and the northern section of the barracks installation on 10 and 12 March. 25X1 Troops were engaged in maintenance work, predominantly on caterpillar tractors, in front of the garages. About 350 troops practiced with four 152-mm guns. Vehicles [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at the installation.

2. On 12 March, the Flak Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse was occupied to capacity by an estimated 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The troops did not receive training. They were mainly employed in maintenance work on trucks, armored personnel carriers and caterpillar tractors. A convoy of trucks [REDACTED] towing 4 x 57-mm AT guns and 3 ammunition carriers were seen moving out of the Flak Kaserne at about 10:30 a. m. on 11 March, proceeding toward Ziesar. 25X1

3. On 12 March, the Infanterie Kaserne on Magdeburger Strasse quartered about 800 troops. The installation was entered through the gate of the Flak Kaserne. On 11 March, 2 officers, 8 NCOs and about 60 men received radio and telephone instruction in the barracks yard. Most of the reconditioned buildings were used as warehouses.

4. On 9 March, five heavy field howitzers and trucks [REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED] were loaded at the Brandenburg main railroad station. The vehicles and guns had come from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne and were allegedly loaded for shipment to Altengrabow. About 50 [REDACTED] empty 25X1 new trucks were seen leaving the premises of the Coal plant and going toward Plauc on 12 March. During the preceding week, [REDACTED] trucks were 25X1 frequently seen entering the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne. There was in 25X1 intensive activity at the installation on 15 March. Trucks, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] were loaded with baggage. The trucks left the installation through the rear gate going toward Plauc at about 11 a. m., moving in a column of about 75 vehicles. Specifically,

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[] 20 to 25 guns, mostly howitzers of 150-mm to 180-mm and several mortars of about 300-mm; about 25 trucks carrying troops; supply trucks; tank trucks; field kitchen trucks; and several trucks loaded with boxes. The artillery pieces were towed by tractors which were mounted by four soldiers each. The unit was said to have moved to Altengrabow by road. The Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne was occupied only by a rear detail on Sunday, 16 March, and for the first time, troops were no longer seen engaged in calisthenics. 25X1

5. At about 9 a. m. on 7 March, [] 25X1

prime movers towing an AT gun of about 80-mm and carrying 4 to 6 soldiers each were seen moving from the Flak Kaserne toward Ziesar. Sedan [] occupied by officers, and truck [] towing a field kitchen, followed 25X1 the prime movers. On 10 March, prime mover [] towing an AT gun was 25X1 seen en route to Ziesar. A convoy of 5 small caterpillar tractors towing AT guns of 40-mm to 50-mm was seen at the exit of Brandenburg on the same day, moving toward Ziesar. [] 25X1

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[] The Flak Kaserne was rather vacant on 14 March. Only part of the installation was lighted at nightfall. *

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* [] Comment. Beginning 16 March, the majority of the artillery units stationed in Brandenburg may be carried as being temporarily absent from the post for field exercises, probably at the Altengrabow troop training grounds. 25X1

[] the troops from the Flak Kaserne are components of the 3d Ods (?) Art Arty Brig and those from the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne components of the 6th Arty Div. The Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne has hitherto been carried as quartering the 18th (?) Hvy How Arty Brig with 18 howitzers of 203-mm, and more components of the 6th Arty Div. [] There is the possibility that the units observed belong to a second brigade which, according to the artillery pieces observed, may be partially equipped with heavy howitzers or guns, too. 25X1

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